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SUBJ: CHILEANS NOW POSTPONING, NOT CANCELLING UNHRC STUDY GROUP VISIT

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1. FURTHER TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION RE NATURE OF GOC DECISION EXCLUDING UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STUDY GROUP FROM CHILE, WE ARRANGED URGENT MEETING WITH FONMIN CARVAJAL LATE AFTERNOON JULY 7.

2. CARVAJAL SAID HE WAS GLAD I HAD CALLED, SINCE HE HAD GONE TO ARICA TO SEE PRESIDENT PINOCHET OVER WEEKEND AND COULD NOW GIVE ME A MORE EXACT STATEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN BY CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

3. IN CONFIDENCE, CARVAJAL GAVE ME DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY COL. VALDES, WHO ARRIVES THERE ABOUT NOON JULY 8. VALDES WILL PASS DOCUMENT TO AMBASSADOR TRUCCO AND UN REP HUERTA, AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DELIVER IT, WITH TRUCCO, AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL IN DEPARTMENT.

4. WILL SEND DETAILS RE CONVERSATION AND FULL TEXT TOMOORROW, BUT FOLLOWING PORTION 8INFORMAL TRANSLATION) REPRESENTS SUB-STANCE: "THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CAUSED THE GOVERNMENT TO ECIDE THAT, AT THIS TIME, THE WORKING GROUP COULD NOT ADEQUATELY
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DISCHARGE ITS TASK NOR COULD IT BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ACTUAL

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CIRCUMSTANCES NOW PREVAILING IN CHILE, AND THAT ITS IMMINENT-
ARRIVAL HAS BEEN THE DETERMINING CAUSE FOR THE SUBVERSIVE
MANEUVERS (PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT). ACCORDINGLY,
PENDING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS OF
OBJECTIVITY, AND FULFILLING HIS PRIMARY DUTY OF PRESERVING-
INTERNAL SECURITY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, MUCH TO HIS
SORROW, HAS HAD TO HALT (DEJAR SIN EFECTO) THE VISIT-OF THE
UNHRC WORKING GROUP, UNTIL A MORE PROPITIOUS OCCASION."

5. DEPARTMENT WILL OBSERVE THAT OFFICIAL GOC POSITION WILL
THUS BE COMMUNICATED TO UN AS A POSTPONEMENT, NOT A CANCELLA-
ATION. IN ADDITION, TWO CHILEAN FONMIN OFFICIALS ARE
TRAVELING TO LIMA JULY 8 TO ASK STUDY GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA
IF HE WILL VISIT SANTIAGO ALONE, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, FOR
PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS.

6. FONMIN EARNESTLY REQUESTS USG KEEP FORTHCOMING STATE-
MENT AND TRAVEL DATA CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL TIME COMES FOR PUB-
LICATION. PLEASE MAINTAIN EXDIS UNTIL THAT TIME.
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